THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). There is no proposal at present to provide life insurance cover exclusively to small and marginal farmers in the country.

**India's Share in World Export of Cashew Kernils**

4985. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state the percentage share of India in the world exports of Cashew Kernels?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): Export from India of cashew kernels accounts for about 57% of the world export.

[*Translation*]

**Collection of Octroi by Dehradun Cantonment Board**

4986. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Dehradun Cantonment Board is realising Octroi from the people of the area despite its abolition by Uttar Pradesh Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not airse.

[*English*]

**Assistance of International Finance Corporation**

4987. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Finance Forporation has offered to help Indian companies to raise resources from the World Capital Market;

(b) if so, whether it has also proposed to increase its shares in investments in equity in new projects;

(c) whether it has also offered to help the Government of India in operating foreign investment in India;

(d) if so, whether the IFC has agreed to offer its services to the Government through foreign investments advice services; and

(e) if so, he reaction of the Government to the various suggestions made by the IFC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) The International Finance Corporation had discussions with some Indian private sector companies about the possibility of assisting these companies in raising funds from the international capital market.

(b) As per its policy, IFC is always looking for opportunities to make equity investment.

(c) to (e). Preliminary discussions have been held on the possibility of utilising IFC facilities to encourage direct foreign investments.

**Production and Export of Granite**

4988. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state: